



# The Student Senate

Texas A&M University

S.R. 70-31

**The Student Senate  
70th Session  
Texas A&M University**


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Jasmine Wang  
Speaker of the Senate

## **Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) Heritage Month Resolution**

*"A resolution celebrating and recognizing Asian Pacific Islander Desi American (APIDA) month and APIDA Aggies at Texas A&M University"*

**Whereas(1):** Students who identify as APIDA at Texas A&M University currently constitute for 6.98% of the total student population and had a 16% increase from Fall 2016 to Fall 2017; and,

**Whereas(2):** The United States has had a nationally recognized Asian-Pacific American heritage since 1978, first as "Asian-Pacific Heritage Week," and later as "Asian-Pacific Heritage Month"; and,

**Whereas(3):** The month of May was chosen to commemorate the immigration of the first Japanese Americans to the United States on May 7, 1843; and,



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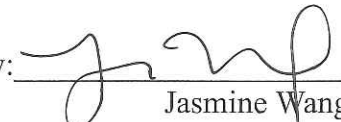
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**Whereas(4):** The month of May was also chosen to mark the anniversary of the completion of the transcontinental railroad on May 10, 1869, which was built primarily by Chinese immigrants; and,

**Whereas(5):** APIDA Heritage Month is celebrated in April at Texas A&M University to allow students the opportunity to engage in festivities and educational programs before the end of the semester; and,

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**Whereas(6):** During APIDA Heritage Month, communities from all backgrounds celebrate the achievements and contributions of APIDA Americans with community festivals, government-sponsored activities, and educational activities for students.

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved(1):** The 70th session of the Student Senate recognizes the month of April as Asian Pacific Islander Desi American Heritage Month at Texas A&M University; and,

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved(2):** The 70th session of the Student Senate extend support to all Texas A&M APIDA organizations that are encouraging cultural diversity and education, developing strength in leadership in students, and leading intentionally and impactfully within our student body; and,

**Therefore**

**Let it be**

**Resolved(3):** The 70th session of the Student Senate celebrates, recognizes, and acknowledges the numerous accomplishments and contributions of our APIDA Aggies, past and present, for their lasting impact on Texas A&M University; and,

**Let it be**

**Further**

**Resolved(4):** A copy of this resolution be sent to:  
Dr. Tonya Driver, Director, Department of Multicultural Services, Texas A&M University

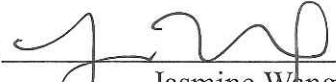


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